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**MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT**

**FROM:** David A. Stockman *AS*

**SUBJECT:** Fifth Progress Report on the Implementation of Executive Order 12352, "Federal Procurement Reforms"

Attached is a copy of the fifth quarterly report on the Implementation of Executive Order 12352. You issued Executive Order 12352 on March 17, 1982. The Order requires that executive agencies and departments initiate specific procurement reforms to ensure effective and efficient spending of public funds. The attached report summarizes the actions taken by the agencies and departments during the April 1, 1983 to June 30, 1983 quarter. Major actions highlighted in the report are:

1. The completion of efforts to draft a new Federal Acquisition Regulation. Executive agencies and departments, primarily the Department of Defense, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and the General Services Administration, have expended hundreds of manyears of effort over the last several years to develop a single, combined procurement regulation. The drafting and final review of this regulation was completed during the quarter. The new regulation, the Federal Acquisition Regulation, will eliminate approximately 33,000 pages of existing regulations and will greatly improve the business interface between government and private industry in Federal contracting matters.
2. The Department of Defense, working directly with Dr. Devine, Director, Office of Personnel Management, reached agreement this quarter with OPM on major issues involved in the issuance of new Classification and Qualification Standards for GS-1102 Federal procurement personnel. DOD received concurrences from the major procuring agencies including the Department of Energy, NASA, and GSA on the compromise finally worked out with OPM. The compromise will enable the Executive Branch to attract and maintain professional caliber personnel for the procurement work force and to ensure, at the same time, that the personnel are assigned to the proper grade levels.
3. The issuance of specific policy documents by OMB's Office of Federal Procurement Policy. Policy documents issued this quarter pertain to: (1) the need to control construction contract change orders; (2) the elimination of the routine withholding of funds from construction contract progress payments; (3) clarification of existing policies for contracting with architect-engineers, and (4) the establishment of formal procedures for ensuring public participation in the development of Federal procurement policies, regulations and forms. These guidance documents are expected to result in significant savings and will eliminate potential sources of fraud, waste and abuse.

Attachment

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